

Senior Legislature, and the conversion of Fort Ord Army Base into California State University Monterey Bay. A particular highlight in his career, Senator Mello cosponsored the Mello-Roos Act, which established tax-exempt bonds and special districts for school construction and other public improvements.

Senator Mello was proud of his Portuguese heritage, and regularly traveled to Washington, DC to advocate for increased foreign aid to Portugal. The King of Portugal knighted Senator Mello for his efforts. In his spare time, Senator Mello was also an avid deep-sea fisherman and jazz pianist. In 2002, Senator Mello played with the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra at the performing arts center in Watsonville that is named after him—the Henry J. Mello Center for the Performing Arts.

Senator Mello was a deeply loved member of both the California State legislature and the central coast community, and a strong, tenacious man who championed the causes of those he represented. He will be missed by all who knew him. We take comfort in knowing that future generations will benefit from his spirit, his vision, and his leadership.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DISHA PANCHOLI

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to and congratulate Disha Pancholi of Louisville, KY, on being awarded a Boren Undergraduate Scholarship from the David L. Boren National Security Education Program, NSEP.

Ms. Pancholi was one of 181 applicants nationwide to receive one of these scholarships. NSEP administered within the National Defense University in the Department of Defense. It funds outstanding U.S. students to study critical languages and world regions in exchange for a commitment to seek employment with the Federal Government in the arena of national security.

Ms. Pancholi has been studying Arabic and will spend her fall term in Egypt. She attends the University of Louisville and is majoring in biology and political science.

The citizens of Jefferson County should be proud to have a woman such as Disha Pancholi in their community. Her example of dedication and hard work should be an inspiration to the entire Commonwealth. She has my most sincere admiration for this work and I look forward to her continued service to the United States.●

REMEMBERING DONALD M. DOCKERY III

• Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, my dear friend, and neighbor for many years, Donald M. Dockery III, died on September 7. As a World War II vet-

eran, he was pleased that he lived to watch on television the dedication of the memorial on the Mall here in Washington honoring those who served in that great conflict.

He served in Europe as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After the war, he remained in the Reserves and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

Donald Dockery was a special friend. He and his family were our closest neighbors when I was growing up in the Byram community, 7 miles south of Jackson, MS. His wife, Stella, and their children, Donna, Kay, and Billy were also very close friends of mine, and my family.

Donald's death was like having a death in our own family. He and Stella watched after me as I grew up in the neighborhood. Donald was the personification of a good citizen, the kind who enriches our country with a strong spirit of community.

He was active in the boosters club at our school, helping children who needed money for lunch room tickets or a band uniform. He was a very successful businessman. He owned a store and was in the pulp wood and cattle business. He also got into the bottled water business; and, with his father-in-law and his son, he developed their company into a very impressive enterprise.

When my father's health began declining several years ago, Donald would visit him every day. Their friendship was steadfast and enduring for over 50 years.

It is impossible to measure the influence another person can have on one's life, but I am sure Donald Dockery helped shape my views of the role a good citizen should play in his community and the importance of being a loyal and caring friend.

My family and I will miss him very much.●

TRIBUTE TO DONALD COMLISH

• Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I rise today to mourn the passing of Donald Comlish, who was the vice president for international affairs of the Air Transport Association. Through his years of service, Mr. Comlish helped provide great service to our airline industry as well as the traveling public, and he will be truly missed.

Mr. Comlish worked for the ATA for 22 years as the chief representative of the airline industry in the negotiation of the international agreements between the United States and foreign countries that provide the legal and operational basis for international airline flights.

He participated in the negotiation of aviation agreements with France, Germany, Japan, Thailand and many other countries during his career, helping to literally open up the world to American travelers. Mr. Comlish helped to negotiate the 1977 Bermuda II agreement, which eased restrictions on air travel between the United States and

Britain. He also helped to complete a partnership between the United States and China that provided for post-World War II resumption of direct air service between the two countries.

Donald Comlish was born in Stratford, CT and enlisted in the Navy after high school. He attended the Navy School of Music in Washington and played with the Navy Band. He graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 1961, and received a law degree from Catholic University in 1965. He began his career as a law clerk for the firm of Spencer & Whalen and the Civil Aeronautics Board, and then began working for the ATA. Donald was a well-respected and accomplished attorney who was admitted and qualified as an attorney and counselor to the Supreme Court. After leaving the ATA in the mid-1990s, he remained a consultant to the airline industry until his retirement in 1999.

Shortly before he retired, he decided to once again pursue his love of music and began playing saxophone and clarinet for the Montgomery Village Community Band and the Virginia Grand Military Band. He was also a member of the International Aviation Club.

Mr. Comlish's survivors include his wife of 42 years, Carol Comlish; 6 children: Jeannie, Michael, Gregory, Matthew, Paul, and Chrissy; and 1 grandson. His efforts improved the lives of every American who travels, and he certainly left the world better than he found it.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1658) to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, without amendment:

S. 1301. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit video voyeurism in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 41. Joint resolution commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2663. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2966. An act to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on